



ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

April 3, 2022

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – APRIL 3, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SOLIDARITY SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2022

Parish Livestream Masses:

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With great sadness, we share with you the news that Fr. Gordon MacLean has died. Fr. Gordon was our Pastor from 1978- 1981. He is fondly remembered by all who knew him. Please remember Fr. MacLean, his family and friends in your daily prayers and during this Sunday's Mass. May he rest in peace.

Donations for Easter Flowers



We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers. If you wish to make a donation or a donation in memory of a loved one, please mark your name, contact information and envelope number on a plain, white envelope and place it in the regular collection. We will be pleased to acknowledge these remembrances.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION – “ENCOUNTERING THE LORD”

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi's Parish Mission is taking place this coming week. Fr. Bill Burke will lead our Mission on the theme of “Encountering the Lord”.



Locations, Times & Themes:

- April 4th at St Theresa's - Mission Presentation – 7:00 pm
Theme – “Let hospitality be your greatest care”
- April 5th at St Catherine of Siena - Mission Presentation – 7:00 pm
Theme – “The prophets in our midst”
- April 6th at St Patrick's – Presentation & Reconciliation Service – 7:00 pm
Theme – “Our notion of Reconciliation”
- April 7th at St Mother Teresa of Kolkata - Closing Mass – 7:00 pm
Theme – “Hope: the Lord is making all things new”

All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special time of reflection and worship. For those not able to attend in-person, the Mission Presentations on Monday and Tuesday as well as Thursday night's closing Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish YouTube Channel. The audio-only from St Patrick's will be recorded and uploaded to our Channel after the Mission Presentation. A special email blast will be sent once it has been uploaded.

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PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH – **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE AT EACH CHURCH LOCATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH – **MASS OF CHRISM**
12:00 NOON – ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH - **HOLY THURSDAY**
7:00 PM – ST. THERESA'S CHURCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH – **GOOD FRIDAY**
3:00 PM – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA & ST. PATRICK'S

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH – **EASTER VIGIL**
8:00 PM – ST. MOTHER TERESA OF KOLKATA

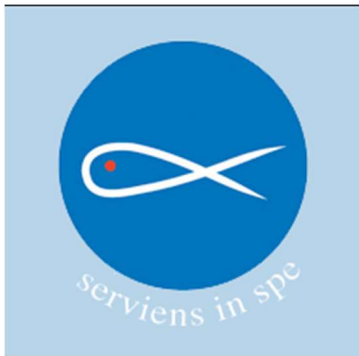
SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH – **EASTER SUNDAY**
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE AT EACH CHURCH LOCATION,
EXCEPT NO 7:00 PM MASS AT ST. CATHERINE'S

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This Sunday, April 3rd, students will receive an emailed lesson from their Catechists!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – OUR FOOD BANK



Thank you to all parishioners for their financial support of the Society through the collection taken up on Ash Wednesday.

We must turn to you again as presently, the cupboards of the Society are bare and need to be replenished. Food items are gratefully accepted each Sunday at Mass to fill our Food Bank. Essentials in the Food Bank include peanut butter, cereal, Kraft dinner, pasta and sauce, soups, cans of meat, cookies, and juice. We have also expanded this list to include some basic toiletries, such as, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, Kleenex, and toilet paper.

Your ongoing support does not go unnoticed. On behalf of those we serve, THANK YOU!

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY – SPECIAL COLLECTION - APRIL 3, 2022



Solidarity means taking on others' challenges as our own and sharing in the small joys and struggles. Solidarity takes time, persistence, and hope. But hope is more than an emotion. Hope is a discipline. Thank you for exercising the discipline of hope during this Share Lent as we put **People and Planet First**.

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, also known as Solidarity Sunday, a special collection is taken up for Development and Peace to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelopes are available in your box or can be found at the entrance of the Church.

This year, special emphasis is placed on the people of the Global South who are working toward long-term social, environmental and economic justice. In addition, as the official international development and humanitarian aid agency of the Canadian Church, Development and Peace is always there when disaster strikes, as is the case presently with the crisis in Ukraine.

For more information or to become a member of Development and Peace, contact Adah Ogbe at 902 429-9489 or aogbe@devp.org.

PRAY FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MEET WITH POPE FRANCIS

This past week, historic meetings took place at the Vatican. The Assembly of First Nations, the Métis Nation Council, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and other Indigenous leaders, a group of residential school survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and young people shared experiences directly with the Holy Father. The delegation, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), represents a significant moment in the ongoing shared journey of healing and reconciliation. These gatherings will also serve as an important foundation for the future visit of the Holy Father to Canada that was announced in late October 2021. For more information on the delegations and related activities visit www.cccb.ca



Residential Schools: We are sorry. We apologize. (Part 2 from the Diocese)



We are mindful of the work we must do to help all learn more about the dark history of our country and our Church when it comes to the relationship with Indigenous communities. In that light, the Diocese continues their ten-part weekly series on residential schools.

The Catholic Church's relations with the indigenous people of this land pre-dates the Indian Residential School System. Though fraught with its own difficulties, this relationship was seen as mutually beneficial and engendered a sense of respect and understanding. Missionaries took the time to learn the various spoken languages and helped in developing a series of Indigenous Alphabets to facilitate translation.

Locally, in 1610 after observing and interacting with French missionaries, Grand Chief Membertou decided to become a Christian Catholic. He was baptized by Fr. Jesse Fleche, SJ in February of that year. This essentially meant that the whole Mi'kmaq nation became Catholic. Chief Membertou's Grand Council advised him to seek a binding accord between the Mi'kmaq nation and the Holy See – a treaty of friendship and peace. This 1610 concordat, an agreement between the Vatican and the Mi'kmaq nation, established three things: an equal partnership between the indigenous and the

Vatican, acknowledgement of the hospitality extended by the Mi'kmaq to the French missionaries, and an ability for the Mi'kmaq to practice the Catholic faith, including celebrate Mass, in their own language.

This last point is of particular note. It was not until the 20th century that other Catholics around the world could celebrate Mass in the local language of the people. Considering the fair amount of trust between the early missionaries and the Indigenous Peoples of this land, the Catholic Church's involvement in the Government of Canada's Residential School Program was a betrayal of that trust. Far from the original treaties that the Church helped to broker between the Indigenous Peoples and the Crown, the Catholic Church were made complicit in what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report describes as "the central goals of Canada's Aboriginal Policy":
"To eliminate Aboriginal governments, ignore Aboriginal rights; terminate the Treaties; and through a process of assimilation, cause Aboriginal peoples to cease to exist as distinct legal, social, cultural, religious, and racial entities in Canada. The establishment and operation of residential schools were a central element of this policy. The federal government's residential schools were part of a horrendous assumption that it was in an Indigenous child's interest to be taken from his or her parents and to be culturally and linguistically reconstructed."

PARISH SCHEDULE OF MASSES/ADORATION/CONFESSIONS

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

SUNDAY MASSES:

St. Catherine of Siena: Sunday at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 11:15 am
St. Patrick's: Sunday at 9:30 am
St. Theresa's: Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 9:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday – 12:00 noon, St. Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday – 9:00 am, St. Theresa's Church
Thursday – 5:15 pm, St. Patrick's Church
Friday – 9:00 am, St. Mother Teresa's Church

FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:

Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass
Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and
Confessions will be heard after Mass.

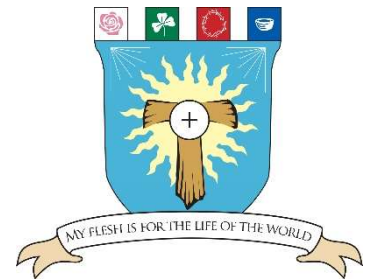
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:

Monday - 7:30 to 8:30 pm (to participate arrive before 7:30 pm) – St. Theresa's Church
Wednesday – after 9:00 am Mass to 4:30 pm with Benediction - St. Theresa's Church
Wednesday – 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm - Exposition, Adoration
and Confession – St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church
Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

Parish - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>



STEWARDSHIP



During this time of Covid, there are a number of ways you can donate. Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic fund transfer, mail or how to sign up for pre-authorized payments. Please be assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Steubenville Atlantic Registration Opening April 6



At long last, registration is opening for Steubenville Atlantic, our annual high school youth conference! This year's conference is July 8-10, 2022, at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Online registration opens next week, Wednesday, April 6th, at www.steubenville.ca.

Steubenville Atlantic is an outreach of Franciscan University – it's one of 22 Catholic high school youth conferences across North America every summer. Through high-quality talks, dynamic worship, and authentic experiences of the sacraments, the gospel is witnessed and proclaimed to thousands of youth every year. After two summers with no conference, we're so excited to welcome you back! Learn more at www.steubenville.ca. We can't wait to see you this July!